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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: OUTSTANDING VISIT OF USS TRIPPE TO LOME,
16-18 FEBRUARY 1977

1. USS TRIPPE MADE HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL VISIT TO
LOME 16-18 FEBRUARY. EMBASSY HAD PREPARED
DETAILED AND EXTENSIVE PROGRAM TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM
EXPOSURE OF SHIP AND CREW TO TOGOLESE AND WE
RECEIVED MAXIMUM COOPERATION FROM ENTIRE SHIP'S
COMPLEMENT IN ALL ASPECTS PROGRAM.
2. VISIT GAVE US OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE WIDE
CONTACT WITH TOGOLESE MILITARY WHICH PARTICULARLY
USEFUL AT THIS JUNCTURE.
3. UNDER COMMANDER HOFFER'S OUTSTANDING LEADERSHIP,
OFFICERS AND CREW OF TRIPPE DEMONSTRATED PROFESSIONAL
COMPORTMENT AND RELAXED AND AGREEABLE PERSONAL
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MANNER WHICH BROUGHT MANY FAVORABLE COMMENTS.

4. SHIP WAS VISITED BY OVER 4,000 PERSONS, INCLUDING
NO. 2 IN MILITARY COL. ASSILA, WHO WAS REPRESENTING
PRESIDENT EYADEMA. ASSILA TOOK THE OCCASION TO
REITERATE THEMES ABOUT TOGOLESE DESIRE FOR STABLE
AND WARM RELATIONSHIP WITH U.S.

5. MEDIA GAVE EXCELLENT COVERAGE TO VISIT INCLUDING STORY TODAY IN EWE IN TOGO-PRESSE. HIGHLIGHT OF MEDIA COVERAGE WAS SHIPBOARD PRESS CONFERENCE WHICH WAS DONE IN WARDROOM FOR RADIO AND THEN REPEATED ON DECK FOR TV. PERSPIRING AMBASSADOR SERVED AS INTERPRETER FOR COOL, SUAVE TRIPPE CAPTAIN ON BOTH OCCASIONS. TV INTERVIEW CARRIED NATIONALLY ON FEB. 16 AND RAN ABOUT SEVEN MINUTES.

6. AMBASSADOR'S FEB. 17 RECEPTION FOR TRIPPE DREW OVER 400 PEOPLE INCLUDING SEVERAL OF MINISTERIAL RANK. COL. ASSILA APPEARED. IT WAS FIRST TIME HE HAD EVER VISITED RESIDENCE.

7. ICING ON CAKE WAS CALL TO AMBASSADOR AT 0830 TODAY (FEB. 18) FROM PRESIDENT EYADEMA WHO SAID HE WISHED TO VISIT TRIPPE AND INVITE SHIP'S OFFICERS TO LUNCH AT GENERAL STAFF. TRIPPE HAD DEPARTED AT 0800, HOWEVER, AND AMBASSADOR PROMISED PRESIDENT THAT SUCH ARRANGEMENTS WOULD BE BUILT INTO PROGRAM FOR NEXT SHIP VISIT WHICH WOULD BE IN ABOUT SIX MONTHS.

8. ADDRESSEES WILL OBSERVE THAT VISIT MET ALL POSSIBLE USG OBJECTIVES AND CAPTAIN AND CREW OF TRIPPE ARE COMMENDED. WELL DONE.
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